

THEATRE ROOF CRASH
KILLS 108 IN WASHINGTON

Washington, Jan. 30.—The death of Miss Mary Forsyth of Washington brought the death list from Knickerbocker theatre disaster to 108. All the dead and injured are being removed from the Christian Science churches which served as clearing house for the victims. There is little hope for the recovery of Edward H. Shaughnessy, assistant postmaster general, who, with his wife and children, were injured in the crash.

Washington, Jan. 30.—With a total of 107 dead and 103 injured, removed from the ruins of the Knickerbocker theatre early today the reserves are still struggling with the heavy wreckage left when the snow-laden roof of the structure collapsed Saturday night during the showing of a feature comedy.

Brigadier General Bandholtz, who is in charge, said it might be another 24 hours before the work would be completed. It is believed, however, that the section remaining to be explored would yield few additions to the awful list of dead and injured. A party of rescuers is still struggling to release from the wreckage now being overturned, one man believed to be still alive, although imprisoned for 36 hours.

Washington, Jan. 30.—The burial of two of the victims of the disaster, John and Elizabeth Jeffries, children of L. E. Jeffries, general counsel of the South Railway, will take place Wednesday at their old home in Selma, Ala., it was said. While district officials have started investigation, Senator Capper introduced a resolution calling for an inquiry by the senate. Civilians have relieved the soldiers and marines who have been on guard at the scene since the disaster occurred. Only odds and ends of the debris remain, and will be removed and no more bodies are expected to be recovered.

Washington, Jan. 29.—The toll of dead in the Knickerbocker reached 107 tonight when a final canvass was made of the city hospitals and all of the several emergency medical stations which had been established to care for the victims. This was said to include everybody thus far recovered from the ruins. The list of injured totaled 134 tonight and of these 14 were recorded as having sustained serious hurts.

Of those in hospitals home sustained injuries in many cases of such character that the victims, if they recover, will be maimed for life.

Ninety-two of the victims had been identified when the force of volunteer workers, 24 hours after the disaster, approached the end of their long search of the debris.

Nine additional bodies of those who had succumbed to injuries after rescue lay in city hospitals.

The large majority of the victims, both killed and injured, were residents of the city, although many came recently from other places. Exploration of the ruins went on unchecked after dark but those in charge believe few additional bodies would be found. Without regard to their own risk soldiers, marines, sailors, police, firemen and citizen volunteers had fought their way beneath the wreckage over practically the whole floor space of the auditorium.

Washington, Jan. 29.—An avalanche of broken plaster, bricks, snow, splintered wooden and twisted steel beams catapulting upon the audience while the orchestra played and a comedy film ground out is the description of the Knickerbocker theatre disaster given today by Representative John H. Smithwick of Pensacola, Fla. He was in the balcony of the theater when the roof collapsed under the weight of snow and escaped unaided—just how he can't recall—with more or less serious hurts.

The orchestra was playing beautiful music and a comic film was running," said Mr. Smithwick, lying in his bed, bandaged and with his face and hands covered with cuts. "Suddenly there was a sharp crack. I looked up and saw a great fissure running across the ceiling. It was right over my head. I instantly realized what was happening. The plaster began to fall, dropping down in large and small chunks all over the theater, it seemed to me. While I was looking up a great piece right over my head started to fall. I ducked, crouching, involuntarily, I suppose down between the seats. The piece struck the seat right where I had been sitting. The force was broken by the seat, but it pinned me down where I was crouching. The noise was awful. It was a great, tremendous roar. It was simply indescribable. I never can forget it.

"In the midst of the roaring were shrieks and cries of women and children and a few shouts of men. There were cries for help, groans and worst of all, the moans of those in terri-

ble pain. It was awful. I can't describe. I see it all the time—those poor children and men and women crying and groaning there.

"There were only a few of us in the balcony. Luckily there weren't more. The balcony gave way and crashed, soon after the ceiling began to fall on those on the lower floor. They were caught the worst. We in the balcony were more fortunate.

"I guess there was a lapse of maybe 20 seconds, hardly more, before the balcony fell. Funny but it spun around, kind of twisted as its support gave way and it swung down on those below. It didn't go straight down, just kind of slid sideways and slanting, I suppose, from the weight of the debris that had fallen on us upstairs.

"I don't know how I got out from where I was crouching under that chunk of plaster that had fallen on me. I really believe it weighed all of 500 pounds. And I think I moved that plaster with my shoulders. Any way, I crawled out between the seats to where I saw a small hole in the plaster above. I forced myself up through that hole, wiggling and shoving. Then I crawled out over the snow and plaster, over the tangled debris, to the doors on the Eighteenth street side.

"Across the aisle from me when the crash came was a little fellow—I never saw him again and I wonder if he is dead—who laughed and roared at every especially funny part of the film. I don't know what became of him or the others in the balcony after we were showered with plaster.

"As the ceiling broke the plaster fell first in chunks. It was just like an ice pond breaking up. The roof didn't give way on one crash. It seemed to break up everywhere. That let in the snow which came in through the broken places where the ceiling had given away.

"It's queer, but I was conscious all the time when I was pinned down under there by that great piece of ceiling. I knew I was hurt, but I didn't know how badly. It seemed that my time had come. I lived a year, I tell you, pinned down between the seats.

"It wasn't until I got outside that I noticed blood falling from my face and hands. I got out myself. No one helped me. I crawled over the broken seats and plaster and snow to the door. On the way I saw a young fellow lying half curled up moaning and crying for help. I leaped over to lift him and then everything went black. The next I remember I was at the door wiping the blood from my eyes and mouth. I don't know how I got out. I didn't see any other injured ones as I crawled out. I can't remember about that part of it. My only thought then was to get home before I should die. My chest pained me, my back seemed broken, my face was dripping with blood. All I wanted to do was to get home and tell my wife and little girl what had happened and how I was hurt. I thought I was going to die."

Representative Smithwick, who lives about a block from the theater, said he staggered home without overcoat or hat through the snow drifts. Physicians were summoned immediately, who found him suffering from shock, bruises and possibly internal injuries.

"I think it was a miracle that I came out alive," said the Florida congressman. "But think of those poor children and men and women who were not so fortunate. I don't see how any who were under the balcony escaped. If those below could have seen the ceiling breaking they would have had time to rush out through the door, but I guess they couldn't see like we could in the balcony. Those underneath us had no chance, I guess."

Attention, Folks!

Here's hoping that Friday, Feb. 3rd, will bring us fair weather and a big crowd of folks to our benefit concert, to be given for the Salvation Army. The entertainments will be held in the High school auditorium, a matinee at 3:30 p. m., and the evening performance at 8 p. m. There will be two entirely different programs, and we believe if you come to the matinee you will be so pleased that you will come back to the evening performance. The prices for admission are out of all proportion with the delightful entertainment which you will enjoy, but we want everybody to "get into the game." The matinee tickets are only 15 and 25 cents, and the evening tickets are 25c and 50c.

All who are to take part in these programs, please phone your numbers to the chairman at once. The entire program will appear in Wednesday's Times. Mrs. W. T. Beatty, Chairman.

Average weight of a woman's brain is 44 ounces, 6 ounces less than that of a man.

DASHES TO DEATH
TO ESCAPE FLAMES

Clio, Jan. 29.—Fire near noon today destroyed business establishments in Clio and entailed a loss of approximately \$125,000.

A tragedy in connection with the fire was the death of R. D. Quick, who collided with a truck as he dashed to safety from a falling wall and was killed almost instantly. The truck was driven by P. H. Lipscomb. The body was placed in a nearby building and the coroner notified. The official empaneled a jury and will conduct an inquest at 10 o'clock Monday morning. The tragedy is greatly deplored but could not be avoided by Mr. Lipscomb, who is deeply affected by it.

Just how the fire originated is not known. The first evidences of it were in the Blackman & McInnis Drug store about 11:30 o'clock and for more than two hours it raged with the resultant loss as follows: Blackman & McInnis Drug store, \$8,500, with \$3,000 insurance; Covington company, \$76,000, stock insurance about 60 per cent; Covington company's buildings, \$25,000, partially insured; Wright & Powers, stock \$6,000, with \$2,500 insurance; D. K. Wright's building, \$5,000, partially insured; J. C. Covington's building, \$5,000 partially insured; Southern Bell Telephone company's office equipment, unknown. J. E. Harrison, telephone operator, lived over the drug store and all his personal effects were lost, as he and Mrs. Harrison were away when the fire was discovered.

Bennett Hedgepeth Hardware company had a loss by moving out their \$8,000 stock which was covered. Damage to the Melinda building in which Bennett Hedgepeth were located was considerable from the falling wall of the Covington company building.

A lot of cotton ignited from falling sparks at the Atlantic Coast Line depot, which is a loss to the railroad, as it was covered by bills of lading, 10 bales being damaged.

The fire department from Bennettsville came to the rescue and rendered much assistance.

BIG AUTOMOBILE
TURNS TURTLE

A Cadillac car in which a party of young people were riding yesterday evening turned over in a six-foot ditch opposite the Hall place, half a mile above the corporate limits of Union, and the six occupants had a very narrow escape from death. The party consisted of three young ladies, Miss Elizabeth Arthur, Miss Fannie Duncan and Miss Mary Locke Barron. The young gentlemen in the party were Mr. Stuart H. Smith, Mr. Wannamaker of Orangeburg, Mr. Montgomery of Spartanburg. No one was seriously hurt, but their escape is miraculous. Several members of the party received cuts on the face and all were considerably bruised.

6,000 WOMEN
OUT ON STRIKE

New York, Jan. 30.—Six thousand women and girls are ordered on a strike by the Ladies' Waist and Dressmakers' union as a protest against the proposed 25 per cent wage reduction.

Baltimore Clearing
Away the Snow

Baltimore, Jan. 30.—Baltimore and suburbs are clearing away the snow and transportation facilities are returning to normal conditions slowly.

Concert Tonight at
High School

Messrs. Rodeheaver and Matthews will give their concert tonight at the High school auditorium at 8 o'clock. All who have heard those musicians at the services of Mr. Sunday at Spartanburg need no introduction to either Mr. Rodeheaver and Mr. Matthews.

The program is made up of sacred, secular and operatic music and the humorous readings are splendid, and trombone solos by Mr. Rodeheaver. It is said that Mr. Matthews has played before more people than any other pianist. Both have had the best training in this country and, also, abroad, and it is an opportunity that one cannot afford to miss.

The admission price is only 50c for children and 75c for adults. This concert is brought here under the auspices of the Grace Circles.

Preparations Under
Way to Elect Pope

Rome, Jan. 30.—Preparation has begun for the convening Thursday of the solemn conclave at which the cardinals of the Roman Catholic church will choose a pope to succeed Pope Benedict.

Armenia is the oldest Christian nation in the world.

PROGRESS MADE
ON TAX PROGRAM

Both houses of the general assembly made consequential strides last week in the advancement of their tax programs, the senate agreeing to the inheritance bill with minor amendments while the house passed the hydro-electric tax, the corporation license tax and the foreign corporation tax bills with little if any noticeable opposition. The week also witnessed the introduction by the house ways and means committee of the luxuries tax, the last of the series of eight new revenue bills, while the committing of Representative F. G. Harris' pool room bill to the ways and means committee on the Wednesday night session taken as indicating the possible introduction of a revenue bill, a tax on pool rooms, the Hubbard-Wells timber tax measure introduced in the senate, being the ninth.

The inheritance tax bill, which was one of the two revenue measures passed by the house last session, now lacks only the concurrence of the house in the senate amendments—and this, it is expected, will be willingly given since they involve no material changes in the measure—to take its place on the list of acts entered into for ratification. Governor Cooper also is expected to give his agreement to the measure as it stands and the tax should therefore become a part of the state law this week. Six of the revenue measures, all of which have already passed the house, are still on the senate calendar or in the hands of the senate finance committee, however, and this fact is reacting to delay the progress of legislation in the house, which for the three weeks of the session has been pushed through with "deliberate speed."

The ways and means committee is several weeks in advance of its last year's schedule of hearings on the annual appropriation bill and should be able to report this measure out shortly if no further delay is occasioned by the upper house's proposition of discussion on the bill. The committee are calculated to make possible radical reductions in the state visible property levy. Resolutions providing for the amendment of the state constitution to erase practically all traces of the state's former tax system are pending in both houses.

Passage of the inheritance tax bill, the first of the new revenue bills to get by the upper house in two years, and the sending to the house of a joint resolution to postpone the time for paying taxes until June 1 were the more outstanding features of the week in the senate.

The inheritance measure had rough sledding in the senate for a time, but Thursday night proponents of the new revenue measures determined to fight the bill out to a finish and near midnight a stiff opposition fight led by Senator D. Gordon Baker of Florence collapsed and the measure was passed on a viva voce vote.

All the new revenue bills have precedence over other matters in the senate as the house has already passed several of the bills and in a way is waiting to see what the upper house intends doing. The people over the state are also looking toward the senate as the house has already demonstrated that it is in favor of the new measure, while the senate has failed to respond in any measurable degree in speeding up legislation.

The gasoline tax bill is scheduled to come up Tuesday and another fight will be on hand as a dozen amendments have already been proposed.

The senate finance committee still has the income and movie picture tax bills, but they will likely be reported out this week as hearings have already been held. Another tax measure is before the senate, one to tax timber, having been introduced by Senators Hubbard and Wells.

Under the provisions of the joint resolution sent to the house the time for paying taxes would be extended until June 1 with penalties from 1 per cent in January to 7 per cent beginning June 1, but executions would not go into the hands of the sheriffs until September 1. The resolution also provides that any person paying taxes within the time set forth in the resolution shall be allowed to vote in any general or special election.

The hydro-electric tax bill, which was passed by the house Wednesday morning, was the only one of the new revenue bills, agreed to this year, to meet with any noticeable opposition in that body, the two corporation tax measures being sent to the senate Wednesday night without a dissenting vote.

Notice Red Men

The banquet which was to have been held on February 3 has been postponed for an indefinite time for good and sufficient reasons. J. H. Eubanks, C. of R. 1289-4t

WORLD FAMOUS
EXPLORER PASSES

Montevideo, Uruguay, Jan. 29.—Sir Ernest Shackleton, the British explorer, died January 5 on board the steamship Quest, on which he was making another expedition into the Antarctic regions. Death was due to angina pectoris and occurred when the Quest was off the Gritviken station.

The body was brought to Montevideo on board a Norwegian steamer and will be taken by another steamer to Europe. Capt. L. Hussey of the Quest will accompany the body home.

Sir Ernest Shackleton was born in 1874. He was a third lieutenant in the British national Antarctic expedition in 1901 and in 1907-1908 commanded an expedition which got to within 97 miles of the South pole. He made his third quest of the pole in 1914.

The expedition in which he was engaged when he died was to have covered 30,000 miles of uncharted sections of the South Atlantic, the Pacific and the Antarctic seas.

On board the Quest, a little 200 ton ship, Sir Ernest set sail from England last September on what was to have been a two year voyage. Large crowds gathered on the docks in London to wish the party a successful voyage.

The voyage had as its objective not only oceanographic research but the exploration of a petrified forest and the location of a "lost" island—Tuanaki—the adjacent waters of which had not been sailed for more than 90 years. In addition soundings were to have been taken of the ocean plateau surrounding Gough's island in an effort to determine the truth regarding a supposed underwater continental connection between Africa and America.

Sir Ernest, for his distinguished services, was made a knight in 1909. Various societies throughout the world honored him for his work.

Asheville, N. C., Jan. 29.—Vilhalmar Stefansson, Arctic explorer, was killed tonight.

Ernest Shackleton, whom he termed the greatest living antarctic explorer, when informed tonight of his sudden death aboard the Quest.

OFFICERS AND
CREW MISSING

St. John, N. F., Jan. 30.—The commander, five officers, steward and five firemen of the Norwegian steamer Mod, which sank in mid-ocean a week ago, are unaccounted for, according to a wireless message received from the steamer Melmore Head. Other members of the crew were saved.

Washington Digging Out
From Two Feet of Snow

Washington, Jan. 30.—Washington is digging out from under more than two feet of snow which fell during Friday and Saturday. Fair weather followed the snow which the Weather Bureau officials said was moving safely seaward, with the center near Cape Cod. The street car service is being restored, and trains are said to be running practically normal again.

Boundary Dispute Decided

Washington, Jan. 30.—The supreme court decided the boundary line between Georgia and South Carolina shall be midway between at normal flow tide in the river where there are no islands, and where there are islands shall be midway between islands and South Carolina shore.

Mississippi Mob
Lynch Negro

Pontotoc, Miss., Jan. 28.—Will Bell, 20, a negro, charged with an attack on a young white woman near here last night, was taken from officers early today as he was being transferred to Jackson, Miss., for safe keeping and was shot to death by a number of unidentified men, who intercepted the officers near town as they were taking the prisoner to a train.

At Batum on the Black sea dock laborers get \$9,000 rubles a day, equal to eight cents, the price of two pounds of bread.

The first shipment of apples from the Pacific Northwest to Europe by ocean steamers this year will total 10,000 barrels.

More than 50,000 people visited the Sequoia and General Grant National parks this year, the largest number of visitors ever recorded.

Nova Scotia's first woman lawyer Mrs. Florence Seymour Bell, a McGill University graduate.

Miss Virginia Briggs of Columbia spent the week-end with her mother, Mrs. W. R. Briggs.

NEXT PLATFORM
BEING DISCUSSED

Washington, Jan. 29.—The address of James M. Cox at a Jackson day dinner in Ohio Thursday night has Democratic politicians in Washington deeply engrossed with a problem involving political expediency.

If the party hopes to win in the congressional elections this year and the presidential election in 1924, should it return to the people with the league of nations as an issue? Should it go to the people on a platform bitterly assailing the Washington conference for the limitation of armament?

It is not a question of right or wrong. It is a question of expediency. The Democratic party is overwhelmingly in favor of the United States entering the league of nations. But by no means is it solidly in favor of such a course. There are senators of the United States who think the party would be certain of defeat were it to carry the league issue to the people. There are other senators who supported the covenant when it was before the senate who think that the Democrats should go to the people with an expose of the congressional and administrative record of the Republican party rather than with the league. They feel that the United States will eventually become a member of the league, but that it is yet too early for the people to reverse their vote of only 15 months ago.

Senator Oscar W. Underwood, Democratic leader in the senate and a delegate to the Washington conference for the limitation of armament, while not discussing with this correspondent the league as an issue, did express opinion that it would be unwise for the party to go to the people bitterly arraignment the president for having called the Washington conference or bitterly assailing the results of the conference.

"It is my opinion," said Senator Underwood, "that the people of the country will approve the work of the conference—the not result."

"There will be criticism, of course, for what the conference failed to do," he said, "but the conference could not bring about a reduction in land forces. And there are other omissions for which the conference might be criticised."

"But for the results achieved by the conference there will be little criticism in my opinion. I think the people will generally approve of the results."

"It might be unwise, therefore, for the Democratic party to go to the people with criticism of the conference. There are other fundamental issues which might be productive of more telling results for us."

The speech of Cox was construed in Washington as his first bid for a second nomination. Cox has many friends in Washington who would like to see him nominated again. There are other influential Democrats who would prefer the nomination of another man. Interviews to the above effects can not be obtained. Time is not ripe, it is explained. The party goes into the congressional campaign united. Afterwards factions will be developed.

W. G. McAdoo in this connection is watching Cox. And Cox is watching McAdoo. There is a very strong idea in Democratic circles here that neither will win the nomination.

RECEPTION HAS
BEEN POSTPONED

Washington, Jan. 30.—Declaring "There is so much of grief in Washington today," President Harding postponed the reception to have been given at the White House tonight for the Ohio residents in honor of the birthday of President McKinley.

Tickets For Musical
Going Rapidly

Tickets for the Union County Musical to be given at the High school auditorium next Friday are being sold rapidly and up to Saturday night 90 tickets had already been sold by the High school girls who are working hard to make this entertainment a success. The girls will continue to sell tickets until Friday and tickets also will be sold at the Peoples Drug Store, and by C. W. Hawkins at the Whitener Barber Shop for those who may not come in contact with the girls selling them. Don't wait until Friday for buying your tickets or you may miss one of the best musical entertainments Union has ever had. A matinee will be given at 3 o'clock which will be different program from that at night.

TODAY'S COTTON MARKET

	Open	Close
March	16.55	16.14
May	16.28	15.91
July	15.99	15.64
October	15.60	15.24
December	15.10	

N. Y. Spots 16.45
Local market 15.50

COURT OF WORLD
IN SESSION TODAY

The Hague, Jan. 29.—For the first time in history a permanent world court will come into actual being tomorrow when the 11 judges chosen as members of the permanent court of international justice by the suffrage of 51 nations will meet in the peace palace here.

Its earlier sessions are expected to be devoted to organization. Later, it is understood, the court may take up questions involving the interpretation of some existing conventions and afterward such disputes between states as may be referred to it.

Eighteen nations have agreed to give the court compulsory jurisdiction over all disputes that may arise between them. As concerns all the 51 states which are members of the league of nations, the court will have jurisdiction over disputes relating to international labor and transit conventions, to the treaties about liquors in Africa, the traffic in arms and a protection of minorities.

The 11 judges composing the court are elected for terms of nine years. Although no official cooperation one of the judges is an American, John Bassett Moore, formerly counselor of the state department, president of the Pan-American society.

The court must meet at least once a year, on June 15, or in extraordinary session on call of the president. That official, who must reside permanently at The Hague, will receive a salary of 60,000 Dutch florins, or approximately \$24,000, while the vice president and the judges will get from 15,000 to 40,000 florins, depending on the number of days of service.

The members of the first court are Viscount Finlay, former lord high chancellor of Great Britain; Andre Weiss, juriconsult to the French ministry of foreign affairs; Commendatore Dionisio Anzilotti, international lawyer of Rome, Italy; Rafael Altamira, senator of Spain; Ruy Barbosa, Brazilian statesman; Max Huber of Switzerland; B. C. Loder member of the supreme court of the Netherlands; Didrick Gjaltrud Gledde Nyholm of Denmark, president of the mixed court of Bahia, Egypt; Yozoru Oda of Japan and John Bassett Moore of the United States, and Dr. Antonio S. de Bustamante of Cuba.

The four deputy judges are Dumitriu Negulescu of Rumania, C. W. Wang, president of the Chinese supreme court; Nikhail Jovanovich of the Serb-Croat-Slovene state, and Frederick V. N. Reichmann, Norway.

BIG DECREASE
IN EXPORTS

Washington, Jan. 30.—Exports to Europe last year fell off by more than \$2,000,000 as compared with 1920, and to South America by more than \$300,000,000 dollars, according to foreign trade reports issued by the Commerce Department today.

Eastern National Forests

Nearly 2,600,000 acres of land have been purchased to date in the East for National Forest purposes and more than 1,000,000 additional acres have been offered for sale to the government, announces the National Forest Reservation Commission.

Recently the commission authorized new purchases aggregating 141,645 acres of cut-over land at an average cost of \$3.33 per acre. In West Virginia the purchase of 79,178 acres averaging \$2.75 per acre, was authorized. These tracts lie in Tucker, Randolph, Pendleton and Pocahontas counties and are located upon the watersheds of the Potomac and Monongahela rivers, the latter one of the important tributaries of the Ohio, and subject to floods which have been extremely destructive to property at Pittsburgh, Pa.

In Virginia, on the watersheds of the Potomac, James and New rivers, the latter a large and important head stream of the Ohio, the purchase was authorized of 28,639 acres at \$2.80 per acre, situated chiefly in Highland, Shenandoah, Augusta, Rockbridge, Amherst, Botetourt, Wythe, Carroll and Grayson counties.

In North Carolina the purchase of 14,148 acres was authorized at an average price of \$6.41 per acre, located largely in McDowell, Macon and Madison counties; in Georgia, 1,359 acres at \$5.40 per acre, in Fannin, Union, and Rabun counties; in South Carolina, 92 acres in Oconee county at \$6 per acre; in Tennessee, 570 acres at \$6.28 per acre, in Greene, Union, and Monroe counties; in Arkansas, 5,086 acres at \$4.07, largely in Pope, Scott, Johnson and Polk counties; and 5,572 acres in Winston and Lawrence counties, Ala-bama, at an average price of \$4.83 per acre.

Notice W. O. C. Circle

The W. O. C. request all its members to meet at the hall at Jacksonville on Friday, February 3, at 2:30 o'clock p. m. Mrs. B. J. Fowler.